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I. Upcoming Events and Trips

1) Smith Rock, Nov. 8-11

Annual VOC climbing trip to Smith Rocks is this upcoming weekend. There's more than a few people who still need rides. You may be able to manage to get onto the trip still, depending on whether vehicles need to be rented or any last minute drivers volunteering.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/Smith_Rock_2008

2) Wedgemount Lake, Nov 9-10

The plan is to head up towards Wedgemount Lake and camp near the cabin. Objectives after that will depend on conditions. Weather could very well be terrible, and the prospect of freshly hidden crevasses lurks everywhere. That is to say, probably not a beginner trip.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=6520&t=6520>

3) Ski Tune Night, Nov. 13

6:30 in the clubroom. Tuning skis is not very hard, but still many people don't do it themselves. This is your chance to see what it's all about. We'll cover edge sharpening and waxing, plus possibly some base repair and skin trimming/repair and any other related topics. You are encouraged to bring your own skis, or you can help maintain some VOC skis (or both). Bring whatever tools you have (especially if you have an iron) and we can show you how to use them. Don't worry if you can't make it by 6:30, we should be there for a couple hours...

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=1&i=40357&t=40357>

4) VIMFF 2008 Fall Speakers Series, Nov. 20

Robbin McKinney from Vancouver will be presenting his slideshow on Great bike Journeys of the World. There will also be a presentation of the film Long Road North. This takes place on Thursday Nov. 20th, at 7pm in North Vancouver. Tickets will cost you 15 or 17 dollars depending on how far ahead you plan.

http://www.ubc-voc.com/wiki/VIMFF_2008_Fall_Speaker_Series#2nd_Show

5) Brew Hut Ski Trip, Nov. 22-23

Grab your favorite tele setup from the clubroom and head up to Brew Hut. Good trip for people who aren't the best of skiers, or who don't have much backcountry experience. Friendly for beginners with a decent amount of fortitude.

<http://www.ubc-voc.com/phorum2/read.php?f=3&i=6463&t=6463>

II. Ms. Manners

Last week's question was looking for the answer to the age-old dilemma of how long to wait for late people. Someone took the effort to write an excellent treatise on the subject:

I am responding to your latest query regarding what an appropriate wait time for a tardy party member should be. I would like to weigh in on this topic on two fronts a) as someone who is often late, and often the driver and b) as someone who does not own or use a cell phone...

Simply put, early in the planning stages there should be a "barring acts of god, the cars leave at o-x-hundred hours." giving everyone involved an understanding of what is acceptable to the group.

I am a perpetually late individual, all the clocks in my possession are set fast to aid in getting places on time. I've always attempted to give my self buffer zones when planning so as to avoid making people wait for me. I have a strong distaste when it comes to waiting, so I understand the pain of my own lack of timely appearance for others. None less I am often 10 minutes behind.

I attempt to make up for this by offering to drive, or making sure I show up with treats (tasty edibles, alcohol, or other consumables for the group) I believe this sends a strong message when I utter the words - "Sorry I'm late..." The message being received is, I hope, "wow even though this *@#\$\$^ was late it was worth waiting for him" I'll often follow this up with a good story so those suffering the wait are somewhat entertained when I do arrive. I believe this is an important part of good manners.

I recognize this is still poor form to a degree but I'm not the type that is ever more then 15 minutes behind which I feel is not an egregious abuse of the sacred pact of meeting times.

However, I would like to formally lodge a foot note in the etiquette chapter relating tardiness to cell phones. Cell phone users, in my experience, have developed an unspoken agreement amongst themselves that as long as they call you before the specified meeting time that this some how justifies any amount of schedule restructuring. It does not. It send the message "I'm manipulating you by letting you know I'm coming, plying your potential guilt toward abandoning me, so that I can *&^%# around for an hour before actually getting to the parking lot." Okay perhaps that is uncharitable but having a cell phone is not an excuse. being set on fire is.

So to answer your question as to what is an acceptable time to wait before departing? I believe the ground rules have to be set ahead of time. If it's a group of people who know each other then perhaps more leeway can be granted. If I'm in the group tell me to be there 15 minutes before you actually want everyone there and ready to go. If it's a groups of people who don't know bones about each other. Then the agreement should be something like this.

-the group wants to leave at 06:00 everyone should meet as bus loop for 05:45. The cars leave the lot no later then 06:15.

If open communication is laid out early on in the relationship then people can make decisions for themselves. I think this is extremely important considering you may later be trusting your life to someone who might be harboring resentment towards you for ruining their summit bid...

This week's question again concerns the driver-passenger relationship. Hiking back to the car lot after a strenuous trip, I often look forward to a change of clothes and warm vehicle. Conditions perfect for taking a good nap. Unfortunately there is a few hours of driving ahead and the driver doesn't seem anyless tired than I am. Getting home safely after a trip is rather important, so my question is what is the protocol for sleeping in a vehicle on a return trip and how do I create a conducive environment for safe driving?

Please help Ms. Manners help get all VOCers home safely. Please help Ms. Manners with content and questions. Write to vocene@ubc-voc.com.

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